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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF PASTURE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sponsored any scheme for the development of pasture land into grassland as the problem of grazing animal is on increase in several States;

(b) if so, the funds provided to various States for the purpose during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the States in the development of grassland?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Government of India was implementing a scheme `Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development` during 9th Plan in which two components on 100% Central Grant basis viz. Establishment of silvipasture system for increasing bio-mass production and Development of grass land including grass reserves were meant for the development of pasture lands and grasslands. The implementing agencies for these components were the State Departments of Animal Husbandry and Forest.During 10th Plan, a new scheme `Feed and Fodder Production Enhancement including improvement of common Property Resources` has been proposed in place of above scheme which is under formulation and approval.

(b): Funds provided to various states for the above purpose is given in Annexure-A.

(c): The State Governments are requested and persuaded for effective implementation of the scheme and furnishing the funds utilization certificates for the grants released to them.